

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A fishing line release device, operable in conjunction with a fishing reel containing said fishing line, said fishing line release device comprising:

(a) two fingers arranged for holding said fishing line when in a closed position, and to rotate together in said closed position, one of said fingers being ferrous metal; and,

(b) means for opening said fingers to release said fishing line when tension is applied to said fishing line, said means for opening comprising at least one stationary magnet to draw said ferrous metal finger to said stationary magnet, and a stop to separate said fingers [.];

(c) wherein said means for opening comprise a rotating structure for moving said fingers; and,

(d) wherein said means for opening further comprise a spring bias means which moves said rotating structure.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stationary magnet is positioned to attract a closer one of said fingers.

8. (Originally) The fishing line release device of claim 1, fishing line release device is attached to a fishing rod mounting said fishing reel.

9. (Previously Presented) The fishing line release device of claim 1, further comprising a fish bite alarm triggered when said fishing line is released.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

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